

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings includes changes to Figures 1 and 2. These sheets replace the original sheets for figures 1 and 2.

In Figure 1, element 67 has been added to show the carbon sheet.

In Figure 2, 33 and 35 have been added to show the first and second longitudinally extending sides of collection layer 30.

Remarks:

Claims 3 and 19-30 are in the case.

Amendments to the drawing and specification have been made as suggested by the Examiner.

The 35 U.S.C. 112 rejection has been addressed by showing, as a matter of example, a carbon sheet 67 between the recordation layer and the collection layer. Applicant respectfully submits that other logical alternatives such as a carbonless transfer system, which is no more than a chemical impregnation of the paper, do not lend themselves to illustration in the drawing.

The objections to Claim 1 have been rendered moot by the rewriting of Claim 1 as Claim 29.

The rejection of Claims 1 (now 29 and 30), 3, 19, 24 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. 103 over Makowka '817 in view of Kraft '264 is respectfully traversed. None of the cited references show or suggest the following claimed features of the invention: 1) the carrier, collection and recordation layer are disposed on top of each other instead of beside each other (which makes possible the indicia transfer function); 2) the successive layers are each shorter than the previous one (which makes it possible to grasp any one of them and removing it from the assembly without disturbing the adjacent ones); and 3) the combination of successive flaps on the same pocket to allow a sequence of sealing, unsealing and resealing with a new flap (which avoids insufficient resealing due to loss of adhesive when unsealing).

Note that Makowka (Fig. 4) would have a hard time separating, say, pouch 128-2 from the assembly 200 without affecting the relationship of the other pouches 128. Kraft does not supply that deficiency. Feature 1) is expressed by "superimposed" in clauses b) and c) of Claim 29, while feature 2) is claimed in clause e) of Claim 29, and feature 3) is claimed in Claim 30.

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FIG 1

